

MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - JANUARY, 1961

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30.9.1960

Metropolitan at 30.6.1960

Males - 376,422 Females - 358,475 Persons - 734,897

Persons - 395,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	DECEMBER				Twelve Months ended DECEMBER			
	1960		1959		1960		1959	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	454	7.25	503	8.16	5,328	7.28	5,387	7.49
Births	1,210	19.33	1,332	21.61	16,937	23.16	17,111	23.80
Deaths	458	7.32	454	7.36	5,697	7.79	5,497	7.65
Infant Mortality (b)	33	27.27	43	32.28	366	21.61	345	20.16

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births. (b) Deaths under one year.

DEATHS BY PRINCIPAL CAUSES

	DECEMBER		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1960	1959	1960	1959
Tuberculosis	1	-	34	24
Malignant neoplasms	88	71	893	911
Diabetes mellitus	5	5	60	48
Diseases of blood, etc.	4	2	22	18
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	66	47	650	614
Diseases of the heart	128	139	1,873	1,782
Hypertension with heart disease	7	10	119	126
Other hypertensive diseases	5	1	50	51
Arteriosclerosis	18	12	188	144
Influenza	-	-	11	82
Pneumonia	20	13	211	211
Bronchitis	5	5	84	79
Other respiratory diseases	3	4	55	64
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	3	33	35
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	3	5	16	28
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	2	3	9
Cirrhosis of the liver	2	-	39	23
Nephritis and nephrosis	4	7	48	62
Disease of the prostate	2	3	33	50
Maternal causes	1	-	4	5
Diseases of early infancy	17	26	215	195
Motor vehicle accidents	12	17	202	173
Other accidents	15	16	196	169
Suicide	4	11	86	86
All other causes	45	55	572	508
Total:	458	454	5,697	5,497

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the month of January, 1961, totalled 17,744 acres, a decrease of 68,563 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 16,878 acres, an increase of 15,778 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1960.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,788,696	4,347,837	36,053,186	33,497,275
Revenue per Head of Population	6. 9. 5	5. 19. 8	49. 0. 4	46. 6. 8
Expenditure	5,449,145	4,904,154	41,059,503	37,534,272
Expenditure per Head of Population	7. 7. 3	6. 15. 0	55. 16. 6	51. 18. 4

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of January, 1961 amounted to £80,374,542 or £108-10-10 per head of population as against £75,426,849 or £103-15-8 per head at the end of January, 1960.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the three and a half weeks ended 25th January, 1961, amounted to £25,547,075 compared with £21,434,932 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
		1961	1960	1961	1960
Transfers	No.	1,293	1,501	13,862	12,472
	£.	2,726,605	2,794,445	24,217,346	20,140,519
Mortgages	No.	969	1,102	9,230	9,214
	£.	2,303,918	2,299,814	20,787,177	19,486,905
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	786	842	7,126	7,163

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
January, 1961	6,904,984	4,616,930	13,351,742	1,155,393
January, 1960	4,758,638	3,275,661	12,251,743	700,514
Seven Months ended January, 1961	36,162,540	29,267,245	87,853,652	5,890,445
Seven Months ended January, 1960	30,618,728	23,767,224	77,979,429	5,018,058

COMPANIES REGISTERED

261 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £16,488,000 and 104 Foreign Companies were registered during the seven months ended January, 1961. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 191 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £8,745,800 and 86 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Seven Months ended JANUARY					
	1961			1960		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	69	172,481	62,979	72	146,612	39,376
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement(a)	40	136,373	102,148	47	153,586	185,445

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item		DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
		1960	1959	1960	1959
Gross Earnings (a)	£.	1,203,900	1,178,300	7,890,950	7,231,400
Operating Expenses (a)	£.	1,264,815	1,280,762	7,845,900	7,647,758
Train Miles Run	No.	606,999	661,646	3,885,569	3,998,639
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 107,504	(c) 92,611	(d) 655,285	(e) 578,889
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train	No.	890,799	1,000,031	6,451,667	7,079,362
Motor Bus	No.	23,911	21,449	136,926	134,559
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Paying Goods		314,129	352,775	2,144,116	1,968,223
Livestock		8,726	12,144	87,535	94,464
Departmental (Free Freight)		35,485	49,752	254,548	348,872
Total:		358,340	414,671	2,486,199	2,411,559
<u>Net Ton Milage of -</u>					
Paying Goods		48,587,383	51,372,683	334,076,116	316,165,277
Livestock		1,363,293	1,602,269	12,446,444	12,394,719
Departmental (Free Freight)		3,948,306	4,404,864	27,806,487	32,808,257
Total:		53,898,982	57,379,816	374,329,047	361,368,253

- (a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.
 (b) Four weeks ended 3rd December.
 (c) Four weeks ended 5th December.
 (d) Period 1st July to 3rd December.
 (e) Period 1st July to 5th December.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1960	8,172	1,774	2,403	27	1,053	12,713	2,951	5,655	66	1,470
<u>1959 -</u> December	654	113	207	4	169	1,092	218	528	6	217
<u>1960 -</u> January	471	75	134	-	123	711	142	326	2	170
February	559	136	204	-	178	903	214	427	7	232
March	632	114	186	7	144	987	199	470	10	177
April	610	121	157	3	85	945	216	401	8	114
May	635	158	212	1	76	970	268	474	3	102
June	712	175	208	3	60	1,086	261	444	5	98
July	635	161	200	2	57	1,019	244	494	4	85
August	812	199	218	3	71	1,159	307	500	8	104
September	873	128	236	-	79	1,375	210	526	4	112
October	847	153	254	3	65	1,321	236	562	5	94
November	869	217	224	4	55	1,336	370	587	5	94
December	517	137	170	1	60	901	284	444	5	88

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date(as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
<u>1957 -</u> June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
<u>1958 -</u> June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
<u>1959 -</u> June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
<u>1960 -</u> June	81,636	26,058	554	9,422	127,863	69,131	1,194	13,609
July	83,712	26,445	554	9,369	127,343	67,300	1,188	12,920
August	84,230	26,389	561	9,280	128,670	67,980	1,200	12,990
September	84,687	26,405	560	9,168	130,160	68,444	1,204	13,020
October	85,764	26,554	560	9,159	131,144	68,416	1,214	12,835
November	86,368	26,557	561	9,124	133,053	69,728	1,217	13,026
December	86,582	26,507	561	9,068	134,220	70,320	1,220	13,097

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Oversea	4,415	4,446	27,460	22,363	13,243	11,747	84,260	53,606
Interstate	10,366	13,270	58,104	59,009	3,354	1,572	18,967	16,988
Total:	14,781	17,716	85,564	81,372	16,597	13,319	103,227	70,594

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000
1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1960 -										
March Qr.	290	749	1,088	3,372	34	323	164	1,950	1,576	6,394
June Qr.	298	844	1,377	4,107	47	291	181	2,843	1,903	8,085
Sept. Qr.	201	547	1,384	4,259	34	1,156	203	2,835	1,822	8,797

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000
1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1960 -										
March Qr.	968	3,104	7	16	380	872	1	1	1,356	3,993
June Qr.	1,168	3,711	5	18	411	1,010	1	1	1,585	4,740
Sept. Qr.	1,167	3,730	7	21	365	943	1	1	1,540	4,695

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item		DECEMBER		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
		1960	1959	1960	1959
Quantity	Fine oz.	79,290	76,097	869,967	860,969
Value (Aust. Currency)	£.	1,238,905	1,189,020	13,593,227	13,452,643
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	795,390(b)	795,390	2,131,784	2,093,984

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

(b) Includes £103,125 previously reported for November.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERTH METROPOLITAN AREA

(Base of Each Index Series: Year 1952-53 = 100)

Period	Group					Com- bined Index
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Mis- cellan- eous	
Year ended June:						
1958	114.4	104.7	126.0	105.7	118.3	113.6
1959	115.2	107.2	130.3	105.9	118.7	114.7
1960	118.4	108.2	133.5	107.1	120.9	116.9
Quarters:						
1959 - December	115.7	107.7	132.6	107.0	120.4	115.7
1960 - March	118.4	108.0	134.2	107.4	121.2	117.1
June	121.6	109.6	135.6	107.0	123.3	119.0
September	122.9	109.8	137.0	107.4	123.7	119.8
December	122.9	110.8	141.6	107.3	125.6	120.8

Note: For current Statistical purposes the Consumer Index supersedes the "C" Series Retail Price Index formerly shown in this publication.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private
Domestics and Personnel in Defence Forces. Prior to December,
1959 excludes also National Service Trainees in camp.)

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1959:</u>				<u>1960:</u>			
January	140.0	46.4	186.4	January	140.8	47.3	188.1
February	140.0	46.7	186.7	February	141.5	48.4	189.9
March	140.6	47.1	187.7	March	141.4	48.8	190.2
April	140.7	47.2	187.9	April	141.0	48.7	189.7
May	140.2	47.3	187.5	May	141.1	49.3	190.4
June	140.0	47.0	187.0	June	141.7	49.1	190.8
July	140.1	47.0	187.1	July	141.9	49.2	191.1
August	139.9	46.9	186.8	August	142.7	49.7	192.4
September	140.7	47.3	188.0	September	143.1	50.1	193.2
October	141.0	47.6	188.6	October	143.2	50.3	193.5
November	141.1	48.2	189.3	November	143.7	50.5	194.2
December	140.8	48.2	189.0	December	143.5	51.0	194.5

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1959 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
January	226	237	241	232	231	229	233
February	228	240	241	235	233	231	236
March	231	242	240	236	234	233	235
April	230	243	239	234	233	233	234
May	231	242	238	234	230	232	235
June	230	239	235	231	228	229	236
July	230	238	231	229	229	229	237
August	230	239	230	229	229	230	239
September	232	241	233	232	230	232	241
October	233	241	233	232	232	233	241
November	234	243	233	233	231	235	242
December	233	242	232	232	231	234	240

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1959 are subject to revision.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male			Female			Male		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
31/1/61	14.	16.	7	11.	2.	5	14.	15.	0
							11.	1.	3
							14.	9.	5
							10.	17.	1

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
December, 1960	12,413	1,672	142,454	55,190	17,196
December, 1959	14,624	2,232	148,517	67,882	17,479
6 Months ended December, 1960	97,945	9,567	924,401	666,678	101,046
6 Months ended December, 1959	115,864	14,010	918,127	530,480	92,500

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
December, 1960	2,601	70	2,803	793	873
December, 1959	2,973	89	2,676	958	866
6 Months ended December, 1960	21,164	405	17,797	9,601	5,545
6 Months ended December, 1959	24,179	574	16,682	7,327	4,893

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan " refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1956	5,866	7,961	2,161	3,036	8,027	10,997	102	182	2,653	3,889
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
1960	7,180	9,559	2,598	3,713	9,778	13,272	94	199	3,289	4,862
1960 -										
January	525	713	208	283	733	996	8	18	273	376
February	495	671	213	293	708	964	4	12	256	362
March	576	764	231	314	807	1,078	11	21	281	409
April	503	683	226	316	729	999	9	15	279	418
May	639	837	251	342	890	1,179	11	15	309	442
June	578	748	214	308	792	1,056	6	14	255	387
July	752	963	234	332	986	1,295	6	17	302	435
August	620	826	192	274	812	1,100	4	16	240	358
September	617	816	192	285	809	1,101	9	15	237	375
October	684	904	212	294	896	1,198	10	14	290	404
November	530	736	196	313	726	1,049	8	22	269	416
December	661	898	229	359	890	1,257	8	20	298	480

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1960												1961
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
FRUIT		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	11. 3	12. 8	14. 0	14. 1	10. 6	10. 5	9. 7	8. 4	9. 5	11. 7	13. 1	16. 6	18. 6
Oranges - Navel	bush.	-	-	-	34. 6	24. 1	20. 7	20. 2	20. 6	25. 6	27. 9	28. 8	-	-
- Val.	bush.	35. 1	38. 9	34. 4	33. 6	-	-	-	18. 8	21. 6	21. 1	20. 8	20. 1	24. 9
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 0	10	11	10	1. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	44. 3	-	15.10	15. 7	18. 2	22. 9	27. 7	31. 3	33. 1	34. 4	36.10	25.11	-
- Other	bush.	37. 6	24.11	22. 4	24.10	24. 9	27. 9	40. 3	57. 4	52. 4	54. 8	49. 3	34. 1	19. 1
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	26. 8	23. 3	22. 6	18. 0	22. 4	25. 5	29. 5	-	-	-	-	29. 6
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	42.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16. 9	17. 0	25. 4
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	33. 0	29. 0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24. 9
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	30.11	36. 3	29. 8	31.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17. 7	16. 2
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	34. 6	28. 9	26. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20. 8	16. 4	22.10
Grapes	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	28. 4	29. 0	27. 4	26. 7	28. 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	25. 9	28.11
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate (a)	4. 1	4. 7	5. 5	10. 4	18. 5	16. 8	6.11	4. 9	5. 3	5.10	8. 3	5.11	6. 5
Cauliflowers	dozen	-	15. 7	19. 1	12.11	19.10	15. 4	12. 0	16.11	19.11	13. 8	16. 9	15. 6	-
Lettuce	crate	6.11	9. 4	8. 3	8. 3	7. 3	6.10	9. 5	16.10	12. 3	8.11	14.10	10. 5	15. 3
Table Celery	doz. head	6. 8	10. 2	10. 9	9. 5	7. 1	5.11	5.10	6. 7	9. 2	10. 1	14. 1	11.10	9.11
Beetroot	cwt.	20.11	31. 5	27. 2	34. 2	42.11	54. 7	62. 5	78. 8	81. 7	96. 2	61.10	65.11	74. 2
Carrots	cwt.	17. 1	19. 0	18. 6	17.11	18. 8	17. 9	21. 2	21.10	19.10	26. 1	23. 3	19.11	21.10
Parsnips	cwt.	38. 2	35. 5	37. 0	32. 7	27.11	26. 2	37. 8	35. 5	51. 8	46. 9	48. 1	44. 2	52. 3
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	5. 0	6.11	7. 9	11.11	21. 0	11.11	12. 5	8.11	5. 5	5. 3	5. 5	4. 8	6. 4
Swedes	cwt.	25. 9	22.10	33. 6	26.10	29. 9	22. 5	25. 9	24. 0	27. 0	35. 2	33. 3	22. 2	38. 6
Runner Beans	lb.	5	5	6	9	1. 9	1. 6	1. 5	1. 3	1. 2	11	1. 2	6	1. 1
Peas	lb.	1. 5	1. 4	1. 8	1. 5	1. 4	1. 6	1. 9	1. 0	1. 2	7	1. 1	1. 0	1. 5
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	11	6	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	7	6	6	11
Pumpkin	bag	23. 9	17.11	14. 7	15.11	21. 6	21. 1	22. 5	27. 6	39. 6	44. 5	80. 0	47. 6	25. 6
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	19. 1	18. 6	15. 9	16. 3	23. 3	32. 5	28. 4	21. 6	28. 3	47.10	40. 6	19. 7	26. 5
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (b)	ton	55. 0.0	60. 0.0	60. 0.0	60. 0.0	60. 0.0	60. 0.0	52.10.0	52.10.0	(c)	(c)	(c)	30. 0.0	35. 0.0
Potatoes (d)	ton	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) 50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(c) Onion Pool closed.

(d) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

	1960												1961
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
SHEEP													
Suckers	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.17. 1	3.11.11	3. 3.11	3. 1. 4	2.19. 0	3. 2. 8	-
Lambs													
In Wool	-	-	-	3.19. 6	4. 7. 0	3.19.11	3.16. 8	3. 9. 6	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	2.18.11	3. 5. 8	3.13. 8	3. 2. 2	3. 9. 6	3. 2. 4	2.17. 7	-	-	2.12. 1	2.15. 9	2.17. 5	3. 8. 6
Hoggets													
In Wool	-	-	-	3. 9.11	4. 1. 2	3.14. 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	2.16. 9	2.17. 0	3. 8. 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.16. 6	3. 3. 2
Ewes													
In Wool	-	-	-	2.16. 2	3. 6. 8	3. 8. 1	3. 6. 5	2.16. 5	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	1.14.11	1.19. 8	2. 5. 8	1.16. 5	1.19.11	2. 8.11	2. 3. 9	1.19. 0	1.15. 0	1.15. 8	1.18. 4	2. 3. 7	2.10. 4
Wethers													
In Wool	-	-	-	3. 9. 7	3.14.11	3.16.11	3.13. 9	3. 0. 4	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	2.11. 8	2.14. 9	2.17. 3	2. 0.11	2.10. 7	2.14. 0	2.10. 4	2. 5. 6	2. 4.11	2. 6. 4	2. 6.11	2.11. 3	2.19. 2
CATTLE													
Baby Beef	31.16.10	33.18.11	36. 2. 9	40. 5. 6	40. 8.11	42.15. 2	41. 4. 3	37.10. 9	37.18. 9	38. 2. 0	36.15.10	39. 9. 2	36. 6. 3
Heifers	38.11. 6	-	43.13. 2	51. 7. 9	47.10. 0	43.10. 2	-	42. 4. 0	38. 2. 4	43.10. 3	39.13. 2	41. 0. 0	-
Cows	47. 8. 9	50. 6.10	53. 8. 5	56. 2. 4	56. 5.11	50.16. 5	48.12. 9	48. 7. 8	49. 2.11	49.10.11	48.12. 7	49.14. 2	49.10. 6
Steers	49.13. 8	51.13. 7	53.17. 9	59.16. 8	53.12. 6	52.13. 4	49. 9. 6	50. 6. 4	51. 8. 1	52. 7.10	52. 0. 5	51.12. 3	51.14. 8
Bullocks	-	-	-	69. 4. 0	61.17. 9	60.10.11	61. 5. 1	60.16. 9	60.13.11	62. 6. 1	60.16. 7	66. 7. 6	-
PIGS													
Slips	7. 1.10	6. 9. 4	6.18. 9	7. 9. 2	5. 8. 4	6.11. 1	-	6.19. 9	7. 6. 8	-	5. 9.11	6. 6. 8	-
Porkers	11. 4. 3	11.17.10	11.13. 5	11.19. 4	10.17. 5	11.10. 4	11. 0. 2	11.11. 0	11. 9.10	11.17. 1	11. 3.10	10.19. 7	9.17.11
Baconers	18. 7. 3	17. 6. 0	16.17. 8	17. 0. 3	16. 3. 2	16.14. 1	16.18. 1	17. 3. 5	16.18. 2	17. 7. 0	16. 6. 5	16. 1. 9	16. 3. 2

AVERAGE PRICES OF POULTRY PER LB. (LIVEWEIGHT) - SOLD AT THE METROPOLITAN MARKETS

Turkey Hens	-	-	-	2. 8	2.10	2. 9	2.10	2. 9	2. 9	2.10	3. 6	3. 9	(a)
" Cocks	-	2. 8	2. 9	2. 7	2. 8	2. 8	2. 8	2. 8	2. 7	2. 7	3. 3	3. 8	
Ducks	2. 1	-	2. 1	2. 1	2. 3	2. 4	2. 5	2. 6	-	3. 2	3. 8	3. 6	
Drakes	2. 1	2. 1	2. 1	2. 2	2. 2	2. 4	2. 4	2. 5	2.11	3. 2	3. 9	3. 8	
Geese	-	-	1. 7	1.10	2. 1	1.10	1. 7	-	-	-	-	2. 9	
Cockerels	2. 8	2. 8	2.11	3. 2	3. 4	3. 4	3. 3	3. 0	2. 8	2. 7	2. 8	3. 0	
Capons	2.10	2.10	3. 0	3. 4	3. 6	3. 8	3. 2	3. 0	2.10	2. 9	2.11	3. 2	
Hens	2. 4	2. 4	2. 4	2. 4	2. 4	2. 6	2. 5	2. 5	2. 5	2. 3	2. 4	2. 4	

(a) Not yet available.

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE (a)

Period	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.			Plant and Machinery			Household and Personal Goods (b)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances
	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Outstanding at end of each period (e)
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
1955-56	21,810	14,644	9,133	821	531	334	57,592	4,484	3,674	80,223	19,659	13,141	15,388
1956-57	20,790	13,524	8,325	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,523	82,592	18,825	12,452	15,488
1957-58	26,321	18,176	11,263	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,364	24,529	16,224	19,052
1958-59	26,998	18,216	11,264	2,145	1,782	1,167	51,842	4,175	3,347	80,985	24,173	15,778	20,779
1959-60	30,898	22,123	13,891	2,811	2,271	1,435	46,676	5,196	4,209	80,385	29,590	19,535	25,169
1958 - October	2,602	1,673	1,037	234	230	143	5,035	387	321	7,871	2,290	1,501	20,107
November	2,283	1,645	1,024	324	367	234	4,881	402	328	7,488	2,414	1,586	20,708
December	2,355	1,593	992	190	174	110	6,086	494	402	8,631	2,261	1,504	21,201
1959 - January	2,343	1,512	952	114	62	43	4,592	480	360	7,049	2,054	1,355	21,308
February	2,140	1,441	893	139	111	71	3,532	325	254	5,811	1,877	1,218	20,570
March	2,122	1,569	956	188	143	95	3,653	280	228	5,963	1,992	1,279	20,526
April	2,262	1,598	977	274	204	129	3,817	313	251	6,353	2,115	1,357	20,699
May	2,178	1,455	896	192	123	82	3,833	272	221	6,203	1,850	1,199	20,818
June	2,177	1,412	869	131	77	52	3,200	263	210	5,508	1,752	1,131	20,779
July	2,213	1,562	952	139	97	63	3,374	297	232	5,726	1,956	1,247	20,878
August	2,282	1,641	1,026	132	87	61	3,660	284	229	6,074	2,012	1,316	21,107
September	2,446	1,596	1,002	174	145	89	3,790	360	292	6,410	2,101	1,383	21,407
October	2,620	1,822	1,154	354	352	223	3,663	356	288	6,637	2,530	1,665	21,991
November	2,687	1,987	1,231	445	534	335	3,871	427	344	7,003	2,948	1,910	22,892
December	2,889	2,165	1,360	221	224	138	4,709	461	368	7,819	2,850	1,866	23,633
1960 - January	2,556	1,602	1,011	152	109	67	3,831	486	385	6,539	2,197	1,463	23,716
February	2,539	1,756	1,102	181	126	82	3,410	456	363	6,130	2,338	1,547	22,865
March	2,784	2,013	1,248	263	155	98	4,234	582	462	7,281	2,750	1,808	23,279
April	2,533	1,899	1,210	293	156	96	3,245	397	334	6,071	2,452	1,640	23,687
May	2,708	1,969	1,238	262	161	101	4,569	553	463	7,539	2,683	1,802	24,430
June	2,641	2,111	1,357	195	125	82	4,320	537	449	7,156	2,773	1,888	25,169
July	2,368	1,794	1,124	188	137	89	4,105	468	388	6,661	2,399	1,601	25,894
August	2,588	1,914	1,200	178	126	87	3,835	539	457	6,601	2,579	1,744	26,480
September	2,670	1,962	1,269	289	228	151	3,775	465	385	6,734	2,655	1,805	26,727
October							Not yet available						27,362
November							do.						28,225
December							do.						28,563

(a) Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. (b) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods.

(c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (e) Includes hiring charges and insurance.

RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(& million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food- Stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings	Foot- wear	Hardware, China and Glass- ware (b)	Elect- rical Goods, Pianos, etc.	Furniture, Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chem- ists' Goods	News- papers, Books, Station- ery	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Veh- icles, Trac- tors, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	20.5	3.6	9.3	6.1	5.2	3.2	3.3	18.2	126.4	37.3
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.1	7.5	6.1	4.6	4.4	21.3	155.8	49.3
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.6(e)	(e)	10.1	8.2	6.5	(f)	(f)	31.8(f)	163.5	56.3
1958-59	28.7	11.1	19.4	18.4	25.1	4.3	10.7	8.7	6.5	5.6	4.7	21.2	164.4	54.7
1959-60	30.9	11.6	21.3	18.9	27.4	4.7	11.9	13.4	7.6	5.9	5.0	22.6	181.2	65.3
Sept. Qr.														
1956	6.6	2.9	4.4	3.8	6.6(e)	(e)	2.4	1.6	1.5	(f)	(f)	6.6(f)	36.4	11.5
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(e)	(e)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.0(f)	38.1	13.6
1958	7.0	2.8	4.5	4.0	6.0	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	12.9
1959	7.5	2.9	4.9	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.4	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.7	14.6
1960	7.8	3.0	5.2	4.3	6.8	1.2	3.0	3.7	2.1	1.6	1.1	4.9	44.7	17.9
Dec. Qr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.8	4.7	8.2(e)	(e)	2.7	2.3	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	41.6	12.5
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(e)	(e)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	44.4	14.7
1958	7.6	2.7	5.0	5.2	7.2	1.2	3.0	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.6	14.0
1959	8.0	2.9	5.5	5.2	7.8	1.3	3.3	3.6	2.0	1.6	1.4	5.5	48.1	16.8
1960	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	51.1	(g)
March Qr.														
1956	6.4	2.6	4.8	4.6	5.8(e)	(e)	2.3	2.1	1.4	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	37.8	12.7
1957	6.3	2.7	4.7	4.9	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	1.8	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	38.4	12.1
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.5(f)	40.4	14.0
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.5	40.0	13.7
1960	7.5	2.8	5.7	5.1	6.0	1.0	2.9	3.5	1.9	1.4	1.3	6.3	45.4	16.4
June Qr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.3	3.7	7.3(e)	(e)	2.5	1.5	1.4	(f)	(f)	7.5(f)	37.7	11.1
1957	6.6	2.9	4.7	4.2	7.3(e)	(e)	2.6	1.8	1.5	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	39.4	13.2
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(e)	(e)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(f)	(f)	8.2(f)	40.6	14.0
1959	7.1	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.2	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.1	6.1	41.7	14.1
1960	7.9	3.0	5.2	4.4	7.3	1.3	3.0	3.9	2.0	1.5	1.2	6.3	47.0	17.5

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods. (g) Not yet available.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Item	Unit	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
		1960	1959	1960	1959
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	221	375	2,756	2,819
Bricks - Clay (a)	'000	7,950	7,747	57,317	51,708
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	100	99	801	661
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,861	1,758	14,538	11,855
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	37,880	30,511	203,143	187,392
Tiles, Roofing - Cement	'000	340	465	2,224	2,885
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (b)	'000 sup. ft.	14,019	14,115	101,629	112,643
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	1,294	740	6,652	5,175
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	650	1,276	5,805	5,810
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	4,274	5,557	31,097	34,857
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	number	10	35	123	339
- 2 piece	"	1,686	1,505	10,490	9,195
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	8,772	7,193	45,184	38,758
- Work	"	7,218	11,469	80,915	93,894
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	50,845	60,230	365,740	330,446
Slippers	"	8,858	13,416	65,540	82,935
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallons	786	723	2,348	2,259
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	36,076	29,844	115,602	113,115
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	840	884	3,777	3,682
Butter	"	1,483	1,674	12,645	11,947
Cheese	"	322	289	1,979	2,422
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	cwt.	640	495	3,460	3,798
- Sulphuric	ton	19,986	15,372	103,374	100,294
Coal	"	58,172	55,688	473,220	459,301
Electricity Generated	'000 kwh.	87,611	76,517	521,388	455,041
Gas Produced	million cub. ft.	111	113	767	719
Mattresses - Inner Spring	number	3,199	4,214	20,282	18,220
- Woven Wire(c)	"	(d)	760	(d)	12,389
- Soft Filled	"	2,395	3,516	15,824	17,905
Motor Vehicle Bodies - Truck Trays	"	93	66	555	320
Pig Iron	ton	4,769	3,654	26,714	21,924
Superphosphate	"	63,216	42,641	279,402	280,955
Wool - Scoured	'000 lb.	3,171	3,102	14,380	16,753

(a) Standard size

(b) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(c) Includes mattresses made and incorporated in folding beds
and stretchers.

(d) Not available for publication.

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